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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3067

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FOR NEX/EX

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, AG

SUBJECT: HOUSING

REF: (A) STATE 201022; (B) ALGIERS 1836; (C) STATE 134212

1. FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO KEEP BUREAU UP-TO-DATE ON  
ALGIERS HOUSING SITUATION.

2. DURING WASHINGTON PROCESSING OF REQUEST IN REF B,  
EMBASSY CONTINUED ITS HOUSING SEARCH. REQUIREMENTS  
CHANGED, WITH MARRIED COUPLE WITH NO CHILDREN (MORROW)  
REPLACING SCHEDULED COUPLE WITH TWO CHILDREN (KIBEL) AS  
GSO AND REPLACEMENT OF USIS OFFICER (MELTON) WITH FOUR  
CHILDREN BY SINGLE OFFICER (MAMMON). DELAYED MORROW  
ARRIVAL GAVE US MORE TIME.

3. LEDESMA/MORROW: RESULT OF SEARCH HAS BEEN OUR  
LOCATING HOUSE SUITABLE FOR COUPLE FOR 5,000 DINARS  
A MONTH. FAIR AMOUNT OF WORK IS NEEDED ON HOUSE, BUT  
LANDLORD HAS AGREED TO PICK UP LION'S SHARE. LEASE  
HAS BEEN SIGNED AND WORK HAS BEGUN. LEDESMA THEREFORE HAS  
BEEN MOVED INTO THE EX-HEDSTROM HOUSE WITH NEWLY-ACQUIRED  
RESIDENCE (WHICH SHOULD BE READY BY MID-OCTOBER) EARMARKED  
FOR MORROW. EMBASSY WILL NOT NEED AUTHORITY IN REF A  
(MEANING A SAVINGS OF DOLS 1,500 A MONTH).

4. BURNS: WHILE EMBASSY WAS NEGOTIATING ON THIS NEW LEASE,  
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DISCUSSIONS ALSO IN PROGRESS WITH BURNS LANDLORD CONCERNING

HIS OBVIOUS INABILITY TO COMPLETE WORK ON HOUSE PERMITTING BURNS TO MOVE IN. EMBASSY RELUCTANTLY CONCEDED THAT LANDLORD WAS INCAPABLE OF MEETING ANY REALISTIC TIMETABLE FORCING US TO BREAK LEASE (AT A COST TO US OF ONE MONTH'S RENT). BURNS HAS BEEN MOVED INTO MELTON (USIS) RESIDENCE, LOCATED ACROSS STREET FROM CHANCERY, FOLLOWING LATTER'S DEPARTURE SEPT 11. (THIS WILL MEAN SAVINGS OF ABOUT DOLS 1,900 PER MONTH, EVEN WITH LOSS OF ONE MONTH'S RENT.) EMBASSY WILL, THEREFORE, NOT NEED AUTHORITY GRANTED REF C. WE ARE LOOKING FOR APARTMENT FOR MAMMON BUT WILL HOUSE HER TEMPORARILY IN GUEST HOUSE.

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES NEA/EX'S AND DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST US BY AUTHORIZING US ENTER INTO EXPENSIVE LEASES. WE PLEASED THAT CHANGES IN PERSONNEL HAVE ALLOWED US TO MANIPULATE CURRENT HOUSING SO AS TO SATISFY OUR NEEDS THUS FAR WITHOUT HAVING TO RESORT TO SPECIAL AUTHORITIES. WE KEEPING OUR FINGERS CROSSED THAT WE WILL FIND SOMETHING SUITABLE FOR MAMMON AT REASONABLE PRICE.  
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